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MEDS Eligibility Responses

Effective August 1, 2006, there will be a change in the eligibility responses that a provider receives through the Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS) for CCS eligibility based on concurrent eligibility for Healthy Families or Medi-Cal (aid codes 9N and 9R). Prior to August 1, if a child lost eligibility for Healthy Families or Medi-Cal the provider received an AEVS message indicating that the child was CCS eligible. However, claims submitted by the provider were denied because the child no longer had concurrent eligibility for Healthy Families or Medi-Cal.

On August 1, providers will start receiving an AEVS message that states "No current eligibility" for these children. The new message may cause an increase in contacts to your County by either providers or CCS families. If you receive such contacts, you should explain that the child has lost eligibility in the program that qualified them for CCS case management and authorization and payment for services and that the family must reestablish either Medi-Cal or Healthy Families program eligibility, and be referred back to the CCS Program in order to re-establish CCS case management and authorization and payment for services.

Counties should clearly explain to the families of CCS/Healthy Families and CCS/Medi-Cal clients that their child's CCS case management services and access to specialty care will remain available only if they maintain concurrent eligibility in either Healthy Families or Medi-Cal, or if they complete the CCS eligibility determination process in accordance with the provisions Section 123800 et seq. of the Health and Safety Code.

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